January 11,1956

Mr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I had a long and pleasant talk with Mr. Delo and we talked about you as well as Wagner College. He wanted me to visit Wagner College at my next opportunity. He could not see Mr. Busch because there is a big Budweiser Sales Convention and he is very much involved in it.

I am enclosing herewith for your perusal an article, in rough form, which I have just completed on counterfeit Continental currency. There will be certain references and comments with which you are all too familiar but my primary effort was to bring to light the British confession which I located, to give Thomas Paine's remarks, and to explain a broadside on the subject of counterfeit currency which I found in the records of the Continental Congress. I have examined all the notes carefully and have written this more from a numismatic point of view than from a historical point of view. I would very much appreciate it if you will go over it and give me any suggestions or comments you care to. Treat me as a student submitting a term paper to his teacher.

I will probably submit this item for publication in the Numismatist as no description of the counterfeits is available for use. In any event I hope you glean some interesting things from the article which you may not already be aware of.

Please feel free to scratch over any portions where you wish to comment or request that I clarify any passages needing it.

One thing I do need for this article which you might have available. J. Eugene Smith, in his book, "100 Years of Hartford's Courant from Colonial Times throughthe Civil War" published by the Yale University Press in 1949,indicates on pages 45 and 46 that there were descriptions of the counterfeits in the newspaper. I do not know whether these are Connecticut counterfeits which are referred to or Continentals.

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Mr. Kenneth Scott

I also do not know whether the book gives a direct reference to the newspaper where the specific descriptions exist. The book is not available in St. Louis and I am wondering whether you can give me a suggestion as to how to find what newspaper carried the description of the counterfeits. I am sending you a photostat of the broadside as I think you will be fascinated by it. The descriptions of the counterfeits are disgracefully poor and confused. I do not think anyone ever looked at the broadside before as they had to repair it in order to make a copy for me.

I certainly appreciate your interest in having this get-together at the next occasion and I hope it will be soon.

I presume A.N.S. asked you to write something for their Centennial number as they even asked me. I expect to submit something to them if they will act on it promptly.

Please give your wife fresh New Year greetings and save a few for yourself.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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Jan. 13, 1956

Dear Eric:

Your good letter just arrived. I have read your article once and with some haste and shall go over it again slowly and make suggestions as you wish. It is a real contribution of importance for history and numismatics.

Smith's book is at the N.Y. Historical Society and so is a complete microfilm of the Hartford Covant. I'll gladly go through the Covant for the years in question and shall find what you want. Please be a bit patient with me, as our final exams begin Monday and I have to get in grades 24 hrs. after each exam — also I have to be on duty for registration week after next. I shall, however, put the Covant before any other work of my own and shall enjoy checking for you.

It happens that our Wagner Library

January 27, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your two letters with respect to my article on the counterfeits. I appreciate your corrections and suggestions but, above all, am very pleased that you were able to locate the items in the Connecticut Courant.

In order to save you a lot of time would it not be possible for me to buy and donate to Wagner College the microfilm of this newspaper or to give you the money to buy it? It could then be sent out here where I can have microfilm enlargements made of the items you list and save you all the trouble of copying. If you do copy, why don't you make a carbon while you are copying.

It now becomes very important to find in the papers of the Continental Congress or in the Journals of the Continental Congress the detailed list which Robert Morris prepared. I have never looked in 1782 because I considered that too far beyond the period when that would be important. I see now that it is not. If I cannot locate it it certainly ought to be in the papers of Robert Morris, wherever they are.

The only thing that gives me satisfaction is that I am acquainted with all the counterfeits mentioned although there may be different varieties.

In my article you will notice that General MacDougal wrote from Peck's Hill. I am now beginning to wonder if this was not a misprint in the Pennsylvania Archives and whether this is not actually Peekskill. I am really excited about the new find and it shows how many additional items can be found in the Revolutionary period. In fact, a study of the counterfeits of all State issues should be made.

Sincerely yours,

EWM/atb

Beware of Counterfeit.

A LARGE quantity of counterfeit Bills, of the following emissions of Continental Bills, has lately been sent out of New-York, and several villains have been detected for uttering them. they are very easily known, being struck on copperplate, they look and feel smooth; the complexion of the bills differ very much from the true bills, and are badly executed. the counterfeits are of the following emissions, viz. Forty and Five Dollar Bills, dated 11th April, 1778. Thirty Dollar Bills, 26th February 1777: And Eight and Six Dollar Bills, 20th May, 1777.

Forty Dollar Bills counterfeit the eye's not so long by 16 parts of an inch as in the true Bills, and is much plainer. the smaller part of the eyelid breaks off plain, in the true bills it runs into the cloud; the sight part of the eye in the counterfeit is too strong and bold.

✓ Five Dollar Bills counterfeit, the four first letters in the word Spanish are larger than the three ending letters; in the true bills they are much alike.

✓ Thirty dollar Bills counterfeit, the name of one of the Printers on the back of the Bill is Sellors. in the true Bill it is Sellers. Also another Thirty Dollar Bill counterfeit.

✓ Eight Dollar Bills counterfeit, in the face of the Bill the J in the word This is not so long nor large as in the true Bill, and the letters in general are much smaller. the lower part of the Harp in the true Bill is nearer to the minor circle than the counterfeit.

✓ Six Dollar Bills counterfeit, the word Value the V is too high up, in the true it is on a line with the other letters.

Comm. Courant Nov. 26, 1782, page 2:

Office of Finance, November 8, 1782.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that counterfeits have appeared of the notes issued from the office, struck on copperplate in the following form: "At sight pay to the bearer Twenty Dollars, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant." Which notes were signed by me, and directed to Mr. John Swanwick, Philadelphia. There were some notes of the same kind for Fifty and some for Eighty Dollars, which may perhaps be also counterfeited, though none have yet been discovered. The counterfeits are badly executed, and might with care be detected, but (from an apprehension that such arts would be practised) I long since desisted from issuing them, and cancelled those which were brought in for payment. — There are now out only sixteen thousand six hundred and seventy dollars. and as no great inconvenience can arise from putting a stop to the circulation of so trivial a sum, the public are cautioned against receiving any notes struck on copper-plate and signed with my name. All persons holding those which are genuine, are desired to send them to Mr. Swanwick and receive the money.

ROBERT MORRIS

N. Y. C.
Jan. 23, 1955

Dear Eric

Please forgive the paper and pencil, I am on the ferry on my way to the N. Y. Hist. Soc. - I had Amelia phone ahead that I want to use the microfilm reader and they said it was in use, so I can only hope it is free when I get there. No one else has the complete microfilm of the Connecticut (Hartford) Courant. We have a wonderful collection of colonial newspapers on microfilm at Wagner through a gift of $ 20 from a friend of mine, which was supplemented by a considerable amount from our regular library funds. Still I could not get them all and omitted buying the Courant because the N. Y. Hist. Soc. had it. Now I wish I had gotten it instead of some of the papers I did. I'll get out it today. I'll do it as soon as possible - it will probably take a day or two, for the only way to be sure is to read the paper through from 1775 to 1783. I can't go tomorrow as we have registration at college, so I'll try to go Wed. or Thursday.

I'll enclose a list of our microfilm colonial newspaper holdings at Wagner, in case you want to have something checked. I hope that I can eventually get together enough funds to have all the colonial newspapers on microfilm.

I have started reading at second time and carefully your manuscript and am making suggested changes in wording and punctuation. - I hope they may be helpful. I hope to finish it today or tomorrow and mail it to you with the notes.

Have finished reading the MS. Note especially any changes in footnotes (just a matter of [illegible]

I wanted a microfilm thru P.M. and covered Com. Cowan from Feb. 16, 1779 to Jan. 1 1782. There was, within those dates, no description of any counterfeit bills, Continental or provincial. I did however find the enclosed item in the Feb. 16, 1779, number which you may wish to use.

I'll go back to 1775 and check to Feb. 16, 1779. That is where I'll probably find something, though I suspect it may be only provincial (Com.) bills of credit. I'll write later.

Cordially

Ken

[illegible] Gazette May 12, 1777. p. 2, Fish-Kill, May 8.

=Some days ago a villain was taken up at Peckes Kill, in whose custody were found eighty eight counterfeit Connecticut 40 s. bills, and one of thirty dollars Continental currency, badly done, being more pale, and fainter impressed, than the true ones. those of Connecticut are done on copper-plate, and not easily to be distinguished from the true ones, but from that circumstance. the true ones being done off at the Continental printing press. We likewise hear that another of those adventurers, with 2,700 l. of counterfeit money about him, is secured at Pecks-Kill.

It seems they are tempted to follow this desperate employment by the terms offered in the following Advertisement, taken from H. Gaine's Gazette, of the 14th of April last, viz.

=Persons going into the Rebel colonies, may be supplied with any number of counterfeited Congress Notes, for the price of the paper per ream.?—Etc etc.

Conn. Courant May 5, 1777

* Beware of counterfeit THIRTY DOLLARS

Continental Bills, a particular description is not yet obtained, they are badly executed, but may pass with the unwary."

Conn. Courant March 14, 1780, p. 3

"The public are cautioned against counterfeit 50 Dollar Bills, dated September 26, 1778, some of which are passing, and are a good Imitation of the true, being printed on Types. The most material difference is, an omission of the Comma, after the word Philadelphia, in the face of the bill, which is very plain in the true."

Conn. Courant

Jan. 30, 1781, p. 3. "A fresh importation of counterfeit money, has lately taken place:---printed in imitation of the bills emitted by the State, dated June 1, 1780. The forgery is easily discovered, by comparing the counterfeit, with the true bills."

Com. Convt. Leo Feb. 16, 1779

p. 1 Resolution of Congress Jan 1 1779.

"It be recommended to the several States forthwith to adopt such measures as may be effectual for detecting persons employed in making Counterfeit Bills expressing the same knowing them to be such."

Holdings of Early Am. Newspapers on microfilm in the Wagner College Library.

(1) American Weekly Mercury Dec. 28, 1719 - May 22, 1746
(2) Boston Evening Post - Aug. 18, 1735 - April 24, 1775.
(3) Boston Gazette 1719 - 1776
(4) Boston Post Boy 1739 - 1753.
(5) Connecticut Gazette (New Haven) April 12, 1755 - dec. 15, 1759.
(6) Connecticut Journal (New Haven) Oct. 23, 1767 - Sept. 10, 1777.
(7) Georgia Gazette April 7, 1763 - Feb. 7, 1776.
(8) New England Courant 1721 - 1726.
(9) New Hampshire Gazette Oct. 7, 1756 - Jan. 9, 1776.
(10) N.Y. Gazette (Bradford's) 1726 - 1744.
(11) N.Y. Gazette 1744 - 1773.
(12) N.Y. Mercury (Gaine's) 1752 - 1783.
(13) Pennsylvania Gazette dec. 24, 1728 - dec. 30, 1789.
(14) Rivington's N.Y. Gazetteer March 18, 1773 - dec. 17, 1783.
(15) South Carolina Gazette (with index) Jan. 8, 1732 - 1766
(16) Virginia Gazette (with index) Sept. 10, 1736 - dec. 9, 1780
(17) Cape Fear Mercury (Wilmington) 1769 - 1775
(18) North Carolina Gazette (New Bern) 1751 - 1778
(19) North Carolina Gazette (Wilmington) 1765 - 1766
(20) North Carolina Magazine (New Bern) 1764 - 1765.
(21) Hochdeutsch Pensylvanische Geschichts-Schreiber 1739 - 1745.
(22) Pensylvanische Berichte 1745 - 1752.
(23) Philadelphische Zeitung 1732 - 1757
(24) die Hochdeutsche und die Englische Zeitung Jan. 1, 1762 - Jan. 25, 1762
(25) die Lancasterische Zeitung Jan. 29, 1752 - June 5, 1753
(26) Germantowner Zeitung dec. 15, 1763 - March 19, 1777.
(27) Wochentliche Philadelphische Staatsbote 1763 - 1779.

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Jan. 25, 1956

Dear Eric:

I went back to the N.-Y. Hist. Soc. today and have gone through most of the Courant with results which delighted me and will, I feel sure, please you. I plan to go back to the Society again tomorrow and hope to finish copying the items and send everything on to you.

I can, however, give you some idea of what I discovered:

① an item of May 12, 1777, p. 2 from "Fish-Kill" giving a brief description of a 30 dollar continental bill found on a passer who was arrested there. Another passer was arrested at Peekskills with £2,700 of counterfeit money on him. The newspaper laid the activity of these two men to the British

② an item in the Courant of Nov. 10, 1778, p. 3 advertisement in Hugh Gaine's Gazette of April 14, 1777.

with a detailed description of Continental counterfeit 40, 5, 30 8, and 6 dollar bills.

③ Courant of May 5, 1777 — ref. to counterfeit 30 dollar bills, badly executed.

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(4) Item in Covrant of March 14, 1780, p. 3, with description of counterfeit 50 dollar Continental bill ~~of~~ dated Sept. 26, 1778.

(5) Ref. in Covrant of Jan. 30, 1781, p. 3, to counterfeit Connecticut bills dated June 1, 1780.

(6) Extremely important detailed description (signed by Robert Morris) of counterfeit Continental bills (it is in the Covrant of Nov. 26, 1782.

I plan to copy these carefully tomorrow and finish checking the years 1782 and 1783 and perhaps 1784. Items 2 and 6 above are essential for your article, which, by the way is very, very important, I believe.

Later, if I can possibly find the time, I'll try to check the Pa. Gazette (which we have complete on microfilm), my theory is that, since it was published in Philadelphia, it may have carried numerous official descriptions of Continental bills that had been counterfeited.

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Washington). Cordially, Ken

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Jan. 26, 1956

Dear Eric:

Have just finished checking the Com. Convent (15 minutes before closing time at the Society, so I am in luck). Enclosed is all the material between 1775–1785 (checked all Smith's references in his book and also went through the newspaper and thereby found the item from Fish-Kill which he had omitted). Hope this will all help.

If you want, I'll see if I can check the Pa. Gazette later.

Cordially
Ken

January 31, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I am very grateful for the informationyou sent me and I am pleased that it confirms information that I previously had.

The Robert Morris excerpt involved warrants issued by the Treasury Department and not paper currency and, therefore, the information concerning these would not be included in my article.

I had previously suggested that you buy the Connecticut Courant for Wagner College but I have no idea what these cost and want you to buy those which you think would be the most interesting and particularly those which are not available in New York. Why don't you choose a few and let me know how much they are. I can then make this gift a little more practical.

Your desire to go through one of the Philadelphia newspapers with respect to counterfeits is very much appreciated and, frankly, if you plan to do that in any event for your work then it would be helpful to me for you to do so, and pick out the references to counterfeits. I agree with you that there ought to be some information published in Philadelphia newspapers. Since there was an effort to conceal the description of the counterfeits, as indicated by the 1779 Broadside, the description may not have been previously published. However, there may have been private counterfeits not of British origin which were described before that. When you go through the Philadelphia newspaper there is one critical matter which I would like you to look up, namely, the coinage of Continental currency dollars. These are dated 1776. Apparently it was the government's desire to let people bring in silver for coinage. There is no official record I have ever been able to find. There are pewter patterns of the dies which were prepared for the striking. The design contains the sun dial on the obverse and a chain of 13 links with the name of each state and the words "American Congress We are One" on the reverse.

I have to go to a meeting now and for that reason this letter is brief.

January 31, 1956

Again, many thanks for your helpfulness.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM

February 2, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I'm finally back at my desk after spending most of January in transit. One of the highlights of my travels was the very pleasurable meeting with you in St. Louis and the enjoyable luncheon at your club.

I extended your cordial regards to Kenneth Scott, who is as busy as usual working on his research projects. Last Saturday we held another conference concerning the proposed Writers' Conference scheduled for this summer, and it seems to be shaping up in good fashion. Now I expect to begin a follow-up regarding the Busch matter and will keep you informed when any progress is evident.

It was a real pleasure to meet you. I hope you will give me an opportunity to return your kind hospitality when next you are in New York.

Cordially yours,

David M. Delo

David M. Delo
President

DMD:cw

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Feb. 3, 1956

Dear Eric!

I fear my handwriting will not be very good as I am writing in bed although it is quite early in the evening. This past week I have gotten tired too readily, due I imagine to exams plus the drive to Washington and back. Otherwise I should have written before now.

What little work I have done with the newspapers during the Revolution (mainly going through the Courant last week) as well as items I have run across in State Papers and in court records convinces me that a volume dealing with counterfeiting during the Revolution will be very valuable indeed. I rather hope you will do it. If you are tempted, I can be of some help because of my working with similar material in the Colonial Period.

If you are not in a hurry to publish your article which I enjoyed reading, I think it might be expanded if a check could be made of all available colonial newspapers from 1775-1783 or 1784. I feel pretty certain that there is material in some or most of them. We received only a few days ago the complete Pa. Gazette on microfilm. As soon as I possibly can I'll start reading in the years 1776-1783 to see what I can find (along ago did up to July 4, 1776) for you. Unhappily I can't do much till after Feb. 22, for in a weak moment I consented to give a talk on Washington to

Some 400 men of the Episcopal Churches on Staten Island.

There are no words with which I can properly express my gratitude for your offer to consider helping our library to get some of the colonial and Revolutionary newspapers on microfilm. I have made a complete list of all such newspapers that have been microfilmed and which we do not have (and those I have divided into two groups, one of papers that are not available in N.Y. and the others which are in the N.Y.P.L. or N.Y.H.S.). At the moment I know the exact cost of only two, the Conn. (New-London) Gazette and the New London Summary, which cost $65 and $5 respectively. Our librarian will write to get the cost of all the others for our records. Please, however, don't think of having us get anything that would not benefit you. Any microfilms we have — and I sent you a list of our holdings — are at your disposal if you want to have any sent you and, of course, I'll look up anything here as fast as circumstances will permit.

Our librarian told me today that he plans to ask in his budget for a new microfilm reader (ours is pretty obsolete) of the type with which you can in a minute or so make a print of any page you want as you are reading. Incidentally, if you want material photostatted or photographed for your work which is available

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in New York or elsewhere, our library can have it done at cost and lend it to you as long (or as often as you might wish), a system which would, I think, permit you to take it off income taxes, since the ownership of the photostats etc. would be of an educational institution.

I have news for you about two of my books. Yesterday I saw Mr. Mosser of the ANS and he told me that all of the committee had read my Counterfeiting in Colonial Connecticut (in manuscript) and liked it but were unwilling to print it at this time only because I had had two books published by the Society so recently. One member said that if I would resubmit the MS in 1957 he would approve. Mr. Mosser left with my MS. the report of another member of the committee who wrote: "It is written impeccably, and well, and worthy of publication. I go along with the sentiment of others at ANS, that, unless the author does not mind considerable delay in publication, the material might better be published outside of our series. Would not Yale do this book? But I do not want complete rejection. This is a work that somebody should publish." I had expected this action, so if I can't get it printed by the Conn. Hist. Soc. or possibly Yale, I'll resubmit the book

to ANS in 1957.

The other news is that last Friday the Oxford University Press phoned me in Washington and told me that their board had unanimously accepted my book. I must complete it by Oct. 1st of this year. It will be 75,000 words in length. I wrote four chapters — about 12,000 or 13,000 words — last summer, so I have a job ahead of me. I really never expected they would take my book — I can't believe it is true as yet, despite the formal letter from the Press. I am really thrilled.

I see I have written almost four pages and fear it will be a job for you to read it all.

After the 22nd I'll start checking the Pa. Gazette for the Revolutionary years to see what I can find for you with regard to bills, the currency dollars of 1786 and any items about copper coin.

Thank you for your kind and generous offer with regard to the microfilm.

Sincerely,

Ken

February 8, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

My heartiest congratulations to you in landing the Oxford University Press invitation. You must be very excited to have them take an interest in the subject closest to your heart and give you a permanent opportunity to make a contribution to knowledge. If there is anything where I can be helpful to you, please let me know, particularly as to the coins or paper money themselves in which most of my study has been devoted.

I was very pleased to get the list of the microfilms that you can use and as soon as your librarian has the pricing I will be glad to donate some which are of particular interest to you. Please let me know which ones are most important to you when you send the price list. I appreciate the opportunity to borrow these. As far as paying for photostats by a charitable gift, I would not feel right ~~to~~ doing this.

With respect to my article on Continental Currency Counterfeits, I had already sent it in to the Numismatist for consideration. However, this is limited entirely to Continental currency and there is nothing intended which would cover the issues of the various States. Perhaps after your book is finished we might collaborate on a volume involving counterfeiting during the Revolution. Your articles touch on portions of that period. I do not feel that if the Numismatist wants to publish what I wrote that it would hurt a volume on counterfeiting of State issues but I have an open mind on the subject and will see what the Numismatist says. I am, of course, waiting to hear from you as to whether anything I mentioned is included in the Pennsylvania Gazette and will be glad to wait until after Washington's birthday for you to get to it.

I was interested in the remarks of the A. N. S. Committee on your book on Counterfeiting in Colonial Connecticut. I

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certainly would get it published wherever it was acceptable rather than wait for A. N. S. as they have published much of your material already. I have just recently been told that my Virginia article is still making the rounds as one of the members of the committee held it up for a long time apparently trying to disprove something I said. I will wait the matter out.

I read with interest your article on counterfeiting of coins in Connecticut and you will note that the laws there as well as the laws elsewhere did not usually cover copper coinage. Our colonists did not pay any attention to the laws if, economically, some other procedure was more beneficial.

All our correspondence seems to do is to point to more work but as long as both of us enjoy it that, in itself, is sufficient.

Best wishes to you and your wife.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

February 16, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I have run into something rather important which, no doubt, you will come to in reading Pennsylvania newspapers.

James Smither was an engraver in Philadelphia and was working for Robert Bell, a book publisher, in Philadelphia, in 1768 and he advertised in the Pennsylvania Journal. (My source gives no date other than the year). The advertisement indicates that he engraves in all metals and makes cuts for printers. The writeup in the dictionary of American Painters, Sculptors and Engravers, by Mantle Fielding, published in 1945, indicates that he is credited with having made plates for paper money of Pennsylvania and then counterfeited Pennsylvania currency during the British occupation. The Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, on June 25, 1778, accused Smither and others of aiding and assisting the enemies and Smither went with the British to New York where he apparently worked for Hugh Gaine in 1777. This, of course, is at the time Hugh Gaine published his famous advertisement in the Rivington Royal Gazette of May 22, 1779, and describes Smither as an engraver, late of Philadelphia. Eventually he returned to Philadelphia and an advertisement, in 1786, shows he was working there. I checked your article on counterfeiting in Pennsylvania but you do not mention his name.

The question comes up as to whether Smither participated in the counterfeiting of Continental currency in New York. This needs some of your superb treatment and I wanted to open up this subject so as to give you one more thing to think about.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P.S. Have prices on some of the microfilms but am waiting for complete replies. K.

Feb. 16, '56

Dear Eric!

Just rec'd copy of your letter to N.Y.H.S. – do you recall my reference to Elisha Gallaudet pp. 126 and 198 in my Comm. in Col. N.Y.?

Am fairly confident I can locate material on him but dare not attempt anything until after the talk I have to give on the 22nd. Then I'll start looking. I think you are right about the identity of E.G.

Have sent a letter to the editor of Yale U. Press about my Comm. they took – just on the faint chance they may be interested. Cordially yours

P.P.S. Shall watch for Smith's. My book stopped with 1776 - hence I did not have him in it.

Feb. 18, 1956

Dear Eric:

For your article you will need to consult George Washington's Writings (the edition put out by Congress) as follows: vol. 7, pp. 403 and 435. vol. 8, p. 112; vol. 10, p. 159 n.; vol. 11, pp. 142 and 196. vol. 13, pp. 54 and 140; vol. 14, p. 16 n.; vol. 16, pp. 254 and 255 n.; vol. 17, pp. 231 and 422 n.; vol. 19, p. 208. If you don't have them available, let me know and I'll copy out the passages as soon as possible after Feb. 22.

We have quotations on almost all the microfilm by now - expect to have quotations on the rest in a week or ten days if we get reasonably prompt answers.

Cordially

Ken

P.S. I'll also look for data on Gallaudet.

K.

South Carolina Gazette Sat., May 15, 1736, p.2. Charlestown, May 15:

"On Thursday morning died .... Mr. Joseph Massey of this Town Gunsmith ... he ... was the first that engraved & printed the Paper Currency of this Province."

Feb. 22, 1956

Dear Eric:

You may wish to file the above. I ran across it tonight and it gave me an idea. Would you care to collaborate on an article about the engravers of the Colonial Bills (or possibly a series of articles if we find too much to go in one article)? This is just a suggestion and I wouldn't be able to do much with it till after Feb. 15th when the ms. of my book for Oxford Press must be done. I have other references to the printers of various colonial issues and have an idea it would be very interesting and valuable to have as many as possible located and to publish sketches about them and samples of their work.

I gave my talk on G. Washington this morning to some 300 men of the Episcopal diocese ~~the~~ so that is out of the way and I am starting a new chapter for my book for Oxford Press.

Shall do some checking now in Pa. newspaper and let you know results as soon as possible.

Cordially
Ken

March 2, 1956

Dear Eric:

At last I have made a start on the Pa. Gazette. I started with a reel that began Feb. 5, 1777, and have read through July, 1777. I enclose the gleanings. It shows, I think, that the newspapers are invaluable and must be read to get the full story.

Where the line is missing in the microfilm in the item of May 21 (Amer. of counterfeit 30 dollar bills), I may be able to get the missing line in the N.Y. Public Library from an original (if they have one).

Before you print your article, I'd guess that all the papers should be read for the period 1776–1783 or 1784, a tedious task. I'll work along as well as I can on the Pa. Gazette first. I am so slow at it because I am under pressure to finish my book for Oxford Press. Please keep my copies (I'll copy out everything on counterfeiting).

Best wishes

Ken

March 8, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

The letters which you have written me are most appreciated. I have read all of the citations and the writings of Washington and there were several items which were very helpful to me. I had already gotten into many of them prior to receiving your note because of the Trojan Horse episode which, to me, is one of the most interesting mysteries in counterfeiting. I would certainly like to know the truth as to what really happened. I am enclosing a new section of my article on this episode for your amusement.

The Numismatist has indicated a desire to publish the article on counterfeit Continentals and I think it will be worthwhile to publish this in that magazine without enlarging the scope of the article to cover counterfeiting of State issues also during the war. This is particularly true because my article contains information on the varieties of counterfeits.

The Trojan Horse episode happened late in January and extended through April, in 1778, and I am wondering whether there was any paper at Lancaster which would have written up more of the details. Since Philadelphia was occupied, I would be interested to know what newspaper carried the Pennsylvania news in general.

I am delighted that the Oxford Press has authorized you to proceed with your book. As I previously told you, if I can help you in any way from the numismatic point of view do not hesitate to ask me. If you could send me your revised outline perhaps I could give you some information. As you know, I have a complete file full of information with respect to the counterfeit coppers imported as well as made here.

In accordance with your suggestion I am writing the Massachusetts Historical Society in an effort to locate some of the correspondence of John Adams.

 March 8, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott

I am looking forward to the receipt from you of the information concerning available microfilm that will be beneficial in research.

If there is anything new you find in the Pennsylvania Gazette I will be delighted to have it.

Best wishes to you and your wife.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

58 Penbroke Ave.
Staten Island 1, N.Y.
March 13, 1956

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
Edison Bros. Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Mrs. M. Powell, Librarian of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, and editor of its semi-annual proceedings, turned over to me for review, my very good friend Dr. Kenneth Scott's recent book on Counterfeiting in Colonial Pennsylvania.

Being essentially a philatelist (although with some numismatic interest) I did not feel that I could do justice to such a review. In discussing this, among other things, with Dr. Scott, he gave me your name and said that since you were both greatly interested and well versed in this subject you might be willing to review the book for him and the Staten Island Institute, of which he is a member. Dr. Scott told me that you already have a copy of his book, and suspects that you have already read it at least once.

The review would be included in the semi-annual proceedings of the institute, a typical copy which is attached. Although it has limited circulation in this New York City Borough of 200,000, it has considerable standing in the community. The museum itself is the focal point of many of the local cultural activities. A copy of the institute proceeding would be sent both to you and to the New York Numismatic Society.

Mrs. Powell said that she would like to have her material by the first week in April. If by any chance you could not meet this date, I believe she might be able to extend the time for a week or so.

Do you by any chance know Dr. Julian Blanchard of New York who is nationally active in both philatelic and numismatic circles?

Thanking you in advance for anything you may be able to do for us in this matter, I am,

Yours truly,
Walter Kuhn
WALTER KUHN

Copies to: Dr. Kenneth Scott
Mrs. M. Powell

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STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

March 15, 1956

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your good letter and the fascinating "Trojan Horse" story. I'll write you later for information on the counterfeit coppers.

I wonder if you received my note with some descriptions of counterfeit continental bills taken from the Pa. Gazette? Since then I have continued reading to see what I could find there for you and have now gone to Feb., 1779. I have found only one more item -- this morning. I enclose it.

At the first opportunity I'll check to see if I can find anything in the papers on the Trojan Horse episode.

We have compiled lists with prices of almost all the newspapers in question -- are waiting for a reply from the U. of Washington, and they just don't answer (We have written them a second time). As soon as we have word from them I'll send you the list.

With all best wishes.

Ken

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March 18, 1956

Dear Eric:

Yesterday I was working at the N. Y. Public Library with The State Records of North Carolina. In one of the Index (Index & vols. 1-25) volumes there are many references to counterfeiting in the Revolutionary Period. I did not have time to check them, for there were so many and I was going through the ones for the Colonial period, but I did check two which referred in the index to British Counterfeiting. I enclose them. If you do not have the North Carolina Records available, I might be able to go through them but fear it would be quite some time before I could get at it, since I must keep steadily at work on my book in order to finish it on time.

Cordially,

Ken

N.C. Records Index 1-25

The State Records of North Carolina, vol. XV (Winston: M.I. & J.C. Stewart, 1896) p. 241

In Congress, January 2, 1779

... And whereas many counterfeits have appeared in circulation of various denominations of the emissions of May 20th, 1777, and April 11, 1778, and counterfeits of those emissions have lately been issued by our enemies at New York, and are found to be spreading and increasing fast in various parts of these United States, whereby individuals are defrauded, prices enhanced, and the credit of the Paper Currency greatly injured ...

(hence called emissions of May 20, 1777, and April 11, 1778 are to be taken out of circulation) ---

Chas. Thompson, Sec'y

Vol. V p. 454 Letter ~~from~~ to Lt.-Governor Colden. Feb. 14, 1776

"They [the British] will also endeavor to depreciate the Congress paper, by throwing in forged notes."

(Reprint from American Archives Fourth Series vol. IV. P. 1127)

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April 14, 1956

Dear Eric:

At last we have the prices on all the available Colonial Newspapers on microfilm, except for two very short and minor ones, the Independent Reflector and the New Jersey Gazette. We have written abound for them and have been referred from one place to another, so that no doubt we shall finally get the figures. In any event they can't be much, probably not more than $10. together.

As you suggested, I believe, I have indicated by numbers, which I have put at the extreme left, the order of urgency with which I need to consult the newspapers. None of these are held anywhere in New York. We already have the best collection in New York City, by the way. If you feel that you could enable the library to get any of these, I should be deeply grateful myself and so would President Delo. They will be extremely useful for the history department and for the English dept., in which certain classes are required to write research papers. This year Aurelia had her students in two classes

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write their research papers by choosing some topic in Colonial times and using the newspapers as source material. The results were the best she had ever had.

I have been working the past few weeks on counterfeiting in colonial North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. During the spring vacation I went to Newport, R.I., where I worked for two days on court records dealing with a fascinating gang of counterfeiters in 1741 and 1742. The leading figure, John Potter, was actually one of the official signers of the provincial bills, so that his signature on his counterfeits was genuine enough.

I hope that the material on Gallaudet which I sent you was helpful. Let me know if you want me to do further work on it.

With many thanks for your interest in the microfilms,

Cordially,

Ken

P.S. If you wish, you can of course, borrow any of our newspapers on microfilms. It would be easy to mail them to you at any time. I am sure that there must be machines for reading them available in your public library and

in both the universities there.

K.

April 20, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

Thank you, very much, for the list of newspapers on microfilm. The Connecticut Gazette and the South Carolina items come close to $250.00 and we can start out by ordering these.

Are there any indices of any of the microfilmed newspapers which you have already in the collection or which you want? The only index I know of is the Virginia Gazette.

The Massachusetts Historical Society advised me that there was a letter from John Adams to John Jay under date of April 10, 1787 and that the John Adams letterbook was microfilmed. Would it be possible for you to look on that microfilm, as I presume it is in the New York Public Library, and get me the text of that letter whenever you feel like it.

This is just a quickie. I'll be writing you shortly.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

Wagner College
Staten Is., N.Y.
May 12, 1956

Dear Eric:

Just a few lines to explain about the Adams-Jay letter. Apparently only the Mass. Hist. Soc. has the microfilm, so our librarian has written the Mass. Hist. Soc. and ordered a copy of the letter in question. As soon as it arrives, I'll send it on to you by airmail.

Best wishes

Ken

P.S. The only index of Col. Newspapers of which I know is the Virginia Gazette one, which we have.

K.

May 17, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I believe I made it clear for you to go ahead and get the Connecticut Gazette and the South Carolina Gazette and I will be glad to send the money for these items as soon as they arrive.

If you haven't already ordered the print of the letter of Jay to Adams dated April 10, 1787, I find that there is a copy of the microfilm in the University of Illinois Library and I can ask a friend to copy out the material up there.

I know how hard you are working and I want to tell you that I have stopped work for a breather as my two articles pending publication are finished.

Please feel free to call on me for any assistance for your book if I can furnish it.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

May 21, 1956

Dear Eric:

Am writing on the subway - just leaving Columbia U. Library. Enclosed is a copy of the April 12, 1787 letter. Sorry I had so much trouble getting it. Columbia had said they didn't have it and then, last Saturday, gave me the wrong reels (John Jay material), so today I went again and got Adams' letterbook. I think you will find it interesting. May I have a copy of it sometime?

Quintmann has ordered the Conn. (New London) Gazette and the S. Carolina newspapers. I can't tell you how grateful I am, as I should have been completely stranded otherwise with my work on N. & S. Carolina. I also need the Conn. one to complete my Conn. book, which both the Am. Num. Soc. and the Conn. Hist. Soc. are willing to consider in 1957 for publication.

I surely appreciate your kind offer to help with my books - I shall need your assistance with my last chapter which will deal briefly with counterfeiting during the revolution - also with the problem of illustrations which I mentioned to you last fall.

My article on "Counterf. in Colonial Maryland" will be out in June. I have ordered reprints and shall send you one at once, as I hope it will be useful. The N. Carolina Hist. Review has accepted my article on N. Carolina but I don't know when it will appear.

Many, many thanks for your kind help.

Cordially
Ben

Grosv^r. Sq^r. April 10th. 1787

Dear Sir

Secret schemes however in abundance are concerted to plunder us, in any way they can think of besides the regular course of their Commerce with us, which would ink rapacious enough. An honest tradesman, whose name is Carpenter an ingenious Engraver, lately came to me from the remotest part of the City, to give me information that an unknown Scott had applied to him to engrave a Plate, for striking the paper Bills of North & South Carolina. He laid a plan to get a witness, to a future interview, but the Scott conceived a suspicion, and would not lay open his design. Colonel Smith who attended for the purpose desired the engraver to publish the fact in the newspapers, that merchants here may be upon their Guard; Carpenter went round to all the engravers in Town & found another to whom the same person had applyed.

Congress or the delegates from North & South Carolina will put that state on their Guard, for it is not at all improbable the design will be pursued, by means of some other engraver of less honour than Carpenter.

There is a vast sum in Circulation here of base Copper — to the amount of several hundreds of thousands of pounds — very lately these half-pence are refused every where — I suppose in consequence of some concerted scheme, & it is supposed that they will be all purchased for a trifle and sent to the United States where they will pass for good metal and Consequently our simple Countrymen be cheated

of an immense Sum.

The Board of Treasury may be ordered without the avowed interposition of Congress to give the alarm to our Citizens — and the Seperate States would do well to prohibit this false Money from being paid or received —

May 17, 1956

Dear Eric:

Please forgive the pencil. Just discovered that our librarian had a reply from the Mass. Hist. Soc., saying they have the microfilm but won't (why I don't know) make a copy of the letter. But they did inform us that Columbia U. has the microfilm (Columbia had said they didn't), and now Columbia says they think they do have it and will let us know tomorrow P.M. Then at last I'll copy the famous letter for us both and send it to you the minute I can get it — probably Saturday or Monday.

Cordially

Ken

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May 21, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have ordered the Colonial papers which Dr. Kenneth Scott requested. We should receive them shortly.

May I send my personal thanks to you for your thoughtfulness in assisting us to increase the research facilities of our Library.

Sincerely yours,

Donald T. Smith

Donald T. Smith,
Library.

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THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM

May 22, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Dr. Scott has shown me your letter of May 17 concerning the microfilms of the Connecticut Gazette and the South Carolina Gazette as well as other matters concerned with your support of purchasing microfilm for our library.

May I express to you my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance in this connection. I feel that with the help of yourself and one or two other interested individuals, we are beginning to build up a unique collection of microfilms of early American publications.

Please remember that you have a most cordial invitation to visit our campus the next time you are in New York.

Cordially yours,

David W. Delo

David W. Delo,
President

DWD:w

June 5,1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

In case you need my article on Counterfeit Continental Currency in connection with the book you are writing, I am sending you a photostat of the final draft I have submitted for publication. The photographs for the plates are in Chicago but I have a duplicate copy of a number of them. If you need them please let me know promptly as I will be romping off to Africa the end of the month.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

June 9, 1956

Dear Eric!

Many, many thanks for the photostatic copy of your article. It will be invaluable when I start the last chapter for my book. So far I have typed about 50,000 words, just $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total, so I surely hope to finish this summer.

The two newspapers on microfilm were ordered but so far have not arrived — they take time — and I am impatiently awaiting them.

Isn't there a chance of seeing you here either when you are going to Africa or returning? Do let me know your plans.

Cordially,
Ken

P.S. We are both teaching in our summer session until July 13. Then I can give all my time to the writing.

K.

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June 15, 1956

Dear Eric:

The Conn. Gazette (New London) 1763-1820 on microfilm just arrived today and I hope to start reading it next week.

I have completed ten chapters on my book for Oxford U. Press and hope to have most of it completed by the end of July -- but much depends on the weather, for it is very hard to work in the dreadful heat.

Am still hoping to see you either when you leave for Africa or return.

Cordially,

Ken

Kenneth Scott

Articles in the Coin Collector's Journal on the printers of colonial money are as follows: (I have not checked volumes 5 and 6).

The Green Family, Printers of Colonial Bills in Connecticut and Maryland, July, 1935. Vol. 2, p. 73.

Printers whose names appear on the Colonial Bills of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, North Carolina and South Carolina, February, 1936, Vol. 2, p. 230.

Isaac Collins, Printer, (New Jersey), January, 1943, pages 1 and 10.

June 20,1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island 1, New York

Dear Dr. Scott:

I am enclosing herewith, as a gift to Wagner College, one share of American Telephone and Telegraph Company stock for use in acquiring microfilm of early American newspapers. This is certificate No. L915038, in my name, dated November 18, 1955, and endorsed in blank. Would you be kind enough to deliver it to the proper authorities.

When I return from my vacation I will make an additional gift.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

June 22, 1956

Dear Eric:

Thank you so much for your good letter and the gift of stock to be used for the colonial newspapers on microfilm. The president is away to day, so I left the stock with your letter in his office and I am sure he will write you. I am so grateful. Yesterday I started in reading the Conn. Gazette (New London) and of course found material at once. You can well believe that I thought of you and I think you know what joy it gives one trying to do research to have the tools available. Thank you again.

I have well over sixty thousand words written on my book but there is still so much to be done -- not too easy now, as I am teaching in summer session until August 3.

Do try to stop in N.Y.

Cordially,

Ken

Name	Dates	Reels	Source	Price
(5) Newport mercury	June 19,1758-Oct. 24,1800	negative	University of California	$58.50
" "		positive	John Carter Brown Library	
(9) Pennsylvania Chronicle & universal advertiser	1767 - 1774	positive 4	Historical Society of Pennsylvania	34.00
(8) Pennsylvania journal or weekly advertiser	1742 - 1793	positive 25	" "	185.00
(12) Pennsylvania pocket & daily advertiser	1783-1790	positive 14	" "	119.00
(11) Story & Humphrey's Pennsylvania mercury	1775	" 1	" "	5.04
Royal Georgia gazette	1779 - 1782	positive 4	Library of Congress	4.55
(7) New Hampshire gazette	1776 - 1781		" "	10.13
(1) Connecticut gazette	1763 - 1820	positive	University of California	65.00
(4) New London summary	1756 - 1763	positive	" "	5.00
(3) Independent advertiser	1748 - 1749	positive	University of Washington	7.00
(6) Boston news-letter	1709 - 1763	positive	" "	77.00
Independent reflector	1752 - 1753	positive	" "	
New Jersey gazette	1777 - 1786	positive	Stanford College	
(2) South-Carolina gazette	1732 - 1775	positive	Charleston Library Society	180.00
Gazette of the State of South Carolina	1777 - 1780	positive	" " "	
South-Carolina gazette; and American general gazette	1765 - 1775	positive	" " "	
Charlestown gazette	1778 - 1780	positive	" " "	
South-Carolina weekly gazette	1758 - 1764	positive	" " "	
South-Carolina and American general gazette	1764 - 1781	positive	" " "	
Royal South-Carolina gazette	1780 - 1782	positive	" " "	
Royal gazette	1781 - 1782	positive	" " "	

$130 is for all these S. Carolina papers together.

(10) Virginia gazette or Norfolk Intelligencer } 1774-1775 " Univer. Microfilms $2.80

March 6, 1956

WAGNER COLLEGE
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STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

July 29, 1956

Dear Eric:

Just a line in haste to ask if you are back from Africa. Perhaps if your secretary opens this, she will be so kind as to let me know when you are expected in St. Louis.

I have much news about which I'll write in detail later — for one thing I have finished the manuscript of the book for Oxford U. Press — gave it to the editor last Tuesday. He planned to finish reading it this weekend — told me on Friday he had read the first three chapters and was pleased with them. As soon as you are back I want to ask you about illustrations.

[redacted]

One thing I should like to know is whether I may have your permission to dedicate my Oxford Press book to you. You have encouraged me more than anyone else by your interest and kindness, and your two articles have been invaluable in writing the chapter on the Revolution. When and where will they appear, please, so that I may acknowledge them?

On August 6th we plan to go for about 3 weeks or a month to a place I own in WARNER, New Hampshire. It is a small town - no other address needed.

Do let me know if you have returned.

Cordially

Ken

July 31, 1955

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island 1, New York

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 29th. Mr. Newman is still away on his vacation and will not return until the middle of August.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Newman

August 22, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

[redacted]

With respect to dedicating the book to me, I am sure I will be most complimented. That is an experience I have never had before and coming from you I am quite honored. If I can help you with the illustrations on the book please do not hesitate to ask.

[redacted]

I enjoyed reading your "Counterfeiting in Colonial Maryland" and am particularly interested in the full quotation which you no doubt have in your notes from the Maryland Gazette of February 18, 1754. (Page 91.) If it is possible for you to give me the full quote I would be very grateful.

I look forward to hearing from you when you return from your vacation.

Sincerely,

EPM/atb

R.F.D.
WARNER, N.H.

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~~GRYMES HILL~~
~~STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK~~

Aug. 25, 1956

Dear Eric:

Since August 6 we have been at a house we own in New Hampshire. I wrote you before I left New York, and your secretary informed me that you would be back about the middle of the month.

I turned in my manuscript to Oxford U. Press about the middle of July, three months before the date in the contract, so they were pleased and said they will bring out the volume next spring - hence I shall be very busy with details as soon as I return to New York.

[redacted]

Do you recall my telling you last fall when you came to Staten Island to see me

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said you have some in your collection).

I am writing to U. E. Baughman, Chief of the U.S. Secret Service, to see if he would be willing to write a brief foreword to my volume.

In January I shall resubmit - as suggested - my volume on Counterfeiting in Colonial Connecticut to the ANS. I have all the material collected for two other studies (one on N.J. and the other on New Hampshire), for I have gone through all state papers, newspapers, minute books and court files for both provinces. In the N.H. court files I found one counterfeit bill (of the so called Crown Point money). Eventually I'll get a photo of it and when I do I'll have a print made for you.

About a week before we came to New Hampshire, the president of the U. of Cincinnati saw me and told me that the headship of the Romance Language Dept.

that the Oxford Press had told me that they did not think they could illustrate my book, since illustrations would raise the cost too much? You said you felt the book should be illustrated and would be willing to help with that. Were you serious about it? Just on the chance you were, I have collected quite a few possible illustrations: an engraving made in 1767 (original in the Historical Society of Pa.) showing three corners in the pillory of Charlestown, Mass.; an engraving made by Nathaniel Hurd, the noted silversmith of Boston, of the pillorying of Dr. Seth Hudson and the whipping of his accomplice, Joshua Haw (there are only two copies which exist — I obtained a photo of the one in the Boston Public Library); ~~the~~ a woodcut of the hanging of Owen Sullivan in New York in 1756 (it is the frontispiece of ~~a volume~~ an autobiography written by Sullivan just before his execution; only one copy exists, namely in the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester); finally I have photos of a number of counterfeit bills by various counterfeiters but I do not have any counterfeit coins (as I recall, you

is to be vacant there a year from now and wanted me to send him a list of my publications and probably come out to Cincinnati to see and to be seen. So we are thinking over this possibility. I am not sure that I want to leave New York even for much more money, as would be the case. What would you think? You probably know Cincinnati. I have only been there once many years ago. This is, by the way, confidential and the whole matter has not gone far up to now.

I hope you will be coming to New York before long.

Amelia joins me in sending all best wishes

Cordially
Ken

August 30, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

Your letter of August 25, 1956, is at hand. I have ample counterfeits of copper coinage and will see if I can find any Eighteenth Century counterfeits of silver coinage. As soon as I have checked up on this I will let you know.

I know nothing about the Cincinnati situation so I cannot help you there.

Looking forward to hearing from you or seeing you when you get back from your vacation,

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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STATEN ISLAND 1, N. Y.

September 6, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Incorporated
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Upon my return, I found your two good letters which I shall later answer in detail.

At the moment, I am writing in haste to ask you if you would be willing to speak on your impressions of East Africa to a College Convocation which will be held at Wagner College at 9:55 a.m. on Thursday, October 11. The speaker takes from 20 to 25 minutes. The College, of course, would pay the expenses of your trip, and I am hoping very much that you might be able to fly out and back and give us this talk. We usually have 800 or more students, plus a number of people from the community. Also, there is a reception which follows the Convocation.

Do come, if you can!

Cordially,

Ken

Ken

KS/kg

9/12/56

I have checked my counterfeit coins and do not find anything other than coppers which would be worthwhile for your book. The trouble is that a photograph of a counterfeit coin will be so similar to a genuine one that it is almost meaningless.

The counterfeit copper coins for the period you are writing about were not American made.

From the desk of

ERIC P. NEWMAN

September 12, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I am certainly complimented by the college's invitation to speak before your convocation and wish that I could do it for you. I sincerely feel that it would be wrong for me to take additional time off during the busiest part of our fall season, particularly since I took more than my share of vacation during the summer. Being a casual observer of the race problems in East Africa was most exciting and I know it would stimulate thinking.

I am sure you will understand my feeling of obligation to my work.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM

September 18, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Dr. Scott has shown me your letter of September 12 and I was sorry to learn that you cannot be with us in October. However, my invitation to visit the campus when next you are in New York City still holds, and I look forward to seeing you sometime during the winter.

Perhaps at that time we can discuss another date which will be more feasible than the one originally suggested.

Cordially yours,

David M. Delo

David M. Delo,
President

DMD:w

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Sept. 26, 1956

Dear Eric:

Please forgive my long silence after your good letter. I was sorry that you were not free to come east but can surely understand it. I have just been appointed chairman of the committee on honorary degrees instead of chairman of the convocations committee but I still remain a member of the convocations committee and I am pretty sure that the new chairman, Prof. Kegley, will contact you to see if he can induce you to talk at a convocation later in the year when you may not be so busy. I hope that it will work out that way, as I should like to see you and should like to hear what you think of East Africa.

While I was in New Hampshire I worked almost every other day with the material in the New Hampshire Historical Society and have collected everything on the subject of counterfeiting in colonial New Hampshire- when I get time to write it up the Society will print it. I was lucky to find in the court files a solitary counterfeit note which was preserved. I had it photographed, and the photo arrived today, so I am sending you a copy for your files. It was made by hand. It was in Court File 15154 in the New Hampshire Historical Society. William Brown of Madbury, N.H., husbandman, was charged with having knowingly passed the bill on August 8, 1760, at Portsmouth to Rebecca Call, wife of David Call, of Portsmouth, baker. He was indicted at the May, 1761, term of the Superior Court, was tried and acquitted (See Superior Court Records (ms.), vol. 1760-1763, p. 149).

Tomorrow I go over the manuscript of my book for Oxford Press with the editor who is seeing it through to see what changes in punctuation, spelling, etc. she has suggested - then it should be ready. I wrote the chief of the U.S. Secret Service, whom I know, to ask if he would write a foreword, and from his reply I gather that he will do so if I send him an outline. Instead I think I'll send him galley proof, if he is willing.

I found out today that an article dealing with Springfield, Ill., in the years just before 1860 -- which I had promised to write for the N.Y. Hist. Soc. Quarterly ~~is~~ is due Nov. 1st, so I shall be busy with that for a while.

I have a lot of interesting material in the form of letters written by the niece of a former governor of Illinois in 1858 or so when she spent months there and met a Mr. Lincoln, "one of the most amusing men I have ever met -- almost." I managed to save the letters from burning by an old lady of about 93 to whose mother they were written. The owner said her children didn't care for history so she planned to burn them. I coaxed her into presenting them to the N.Y. Historical Society.

Aurelia joins me in sending all best wishes.

Cordially,

Ken

P.S. I suggested your name to the editor of The Directory of American Scholars, so you may hear from them. It is a serious and useful publication.

K.

September 2 , 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

No time for much except I am amending my article on counterfeiting of Continental currency by two important items which I am sending to you herewith. You may wish to add these to your book as I think they are extremely important.

I believe I wrote you previously that I needed the full article in the Maryland Gazette which you mentioned in your book on Counterfeiting in Colonial Maryland, on page 91. Tell me to whom to write if you don't have the information in your records.

I just received a letter from the Chase National Bank today indicating you have been asked about a piece of type with respect to a counterfeit. Now I am supposed to investigate it.

I am going over the galley proofs on my article on Virginia coinage for A.N.S. and am continuing to do the research work on the main book I am writing on coppers.

That's all for now. Will see you at the first opportunity but keep writing whenever you feel like it.

Sincerely,

A.M/atb

WAGNER COLLEGE
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM

September 28, 1956

Mr. Eric T. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We held a meeting of our Convocation Committee yesterday morning and the Committee has asked me to contact you again to ascertain whether the dates of either December 13 (Thursday) or January 8 (Tuesday) would be satisfactory for a talk on your African experiences and observations.

Needless to say, I would be very happy indeed to welcome you to the campus and to entertain you while here. I would hope that you could stay for a day and get acquainted with some of the students and faculty.

I realize this may be an imposition but it would be appreciated if you could give us your answer in a fairly short time because we are attempting to set up the program now for the entire year.

With cordial regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

David M. Delo

David M. Delo,
President

DMD:1

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Oct. 1, 1956

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your good letter which just came this morning. Yesterday I was going over some of my letters and found the one with your request for the full text of the item from the Maryland Gazette of February 28, 1754. To my shame and consternation I realized that I must have forgotten about it in the terribly hectic days when we had just returned from New Hampshire. I got out my scrap book on the Md. Gazette and found that in copying from the microfilm in the N.Y.P.L. I had left out, intentionally, some few lines in which it was stated that it was proposed to pay and accept good English halfpence at 15 to the shilling, while in New York City they passed at 14 to the shilling. This week - probably Wednesday or Friday I'll get to the N.Y.P.L. and shall copy from the microfilm the exact, complete text of the item of Feb. 28, 1754 about English halfpence.

I am sorry that I suggested to Vernon Brown of the Chase National Bank that you would be the person who might know from what bill his inscription came -- if it will make you a lot of work. I had no record of that particular inscription but thought you might have a bill bearing it in your collection.

Thank you for the wonderful items about counterfeits during the Revolution. I'll try to work them into my manuscript if it is not too late. They are about to send it off to the printer.

When do you expect that your article for A.N.S. will appear? I have to write an article for N-Y HSQ which must be ready by Nov. 1 - dealing with Springfield, Ill. in the late 1850ties - so I shall be terribly busy until then.

If the Oxford U. Press editors are willing, I shall try to get a copy of galley proof of my book for you. They say the proof should be ready early in November.

With all best wishes and many thanks for the items,

Cordially,

Ken

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, INC.
114 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

TELEPHONE: WATKINS 4-1200

Oct. 18, 1956

Dear Eric:

Trust you rec'd the full text which I copied from the Md. Gazette.

Could you please return the enclosed photo of one of the eight dollar Continental bills in your collection and tell me if this is counterfeit or genuine? We are using it (and the Va. bill) as an illustration. The same for the photo of the Five Pounds Virginia bill which I feel pretty sure that you sent me. Thank you so much for your verdict on both bills.

Cordially
Ken

October 22, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I have been so busy I haven't had an opportunity to write to you. Please forgive me.

The $8 note is genuine. I believe I sent you a counterfeit of the same note, No. 4909, which has a "O" instead of a "C" in Congress. If you don't have it, I'll send you a picture.

However, as far as Continental notes are concerned it would be much better to use a May 20, 1777 issue--the $6 or $8--unless your story stops before that.

The Virginia note is counterfeit.

I can send you a picture of any Continental Congress counterfeits by return mail if you need them.

I have so much to tell you I can't begin.

Sincerely,

KPW/atb

WAGNER COLLEGE
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM

October 24, 1956

Mr. Eric T. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am happy to send you, under separate cover, an advance copy of our new view booklet which will be available for general mailing in a few days.

This booklet was designed specifically for distribution to prospective students. As a friend of Wagner College, however, I am sure you will be interested in seeing this publication. Please let me know if you would like any additional copies.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

David M. Delo

David M. Delo
President

DMD:a

October 26, 1956

Mr. David M. Delo
Wagner College
Staten Island 1, New York

Dear Mr. Delo:

After the pleasant telephone conversation with you I went home and mentioned the matter to my wife and we discussed the matter rather fully. We finally came to the conclusion that I was doing too much and that I should not undertake talks of this sort when it required so much out-of-town travelling. She also determined that she would turn down certain projects she was offered.

I certainly would very much have enjoyed giving the students of your college the twenty-minute talk on December 13, 1956 but, in thinking the matter over, you can see that the necessity of a special trip to New York might make it impractical.

I hope you understand that the reasons for my position are justified and do not in any way alter my desire to do so. Practicality, on many occasions, must override desire.

I am sure that many other speakers are available and I will see that I have an opportunity to visit the college in due course.

Kindest regards to you.

Sincerely,

EFN/atb

ERIC F. NEWMAN

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Oct. 25, 1956

Dear Eric:

Thanks so much for your good letter. I am using the Virginia counterfeit (it is from your collection, I feel quite sure) and I should be grateful if you would send me, as you so kindly have offered to do, a picture of a counterfeit Continental $6 or $8 note of the issue of May 20, 1777 — whichever you feel will be more interesting.

In November sometime I hope to have proof (galley) and have asked for an extra set in the hope that you may be willing to read it and let me know if you find any error in it.

I have been terribly busy, as I promised the editor of the N.-Y. Hist. Soc. Quarterly to do two articles for his January issue. One is finished — dealing with Springfield, Illinois, in 1859, based on some unpublished letters — and the other, about some stampless

Covers on newspapers at the N.Y. Hist. Soc., sent from California in the Gold Rush days, is still to be done, as well as two short articles for Antiques. Then I hope to write up some material on counterfeiting — in New Jersey and New Hampshire. It is all rather difficult when I am teaching 18 hours, double the normal load in colleges for a department chairman but so it goes.

I do hope we shall get to see you before long.

Cordially
Ken

P.S. Eventually I want to buy some stock in your company — perhaps this coming month. Would you think it a good time? I have a little stock in International Shoe but otherwise chiefly in public utilities, Am. Snuff, Johns Manville.

K.

October 29, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

The Virginia counterfeit is from the collection of F.C.C.Boyd. I am enclosing a picture of the Continental Currency counterfeit of the May 20, 1777 issue which is British sponsored.

I certainly will be delighted to read your proof even though I have no more time than you have but will enjoy it tremendously.

As far as buying stock in our company is concerned I cannot give you any advice. We are opening up a great many new stores and our volume should increase substantially. Our operating costs are much higher and the competition is fierce. If you can figure it out, let me know.

Mr. Delo will want to chop me up into little pieces because my wife and I felt that it was wrong to make a special trip to New York to give a 20-minute talk in view of the additional outside activities I have undertaken. I am too goodhearted and keep accepting additional Boy Scout work, money raising work, historical research, skits for parties and all such trivia.

I have been doing a great deal of research on the archives of the various states to find matters with respect to coins and have run into considerable counterfeiting material which I presume you have already found. I am also running the Colonial laws of all of the states and have found a number of references to copper coins which nobody seemed to know about.

My best to you.

Sincerely,

MHW/atb

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

October 30, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2
Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have just received your letter of October 26 and can well understand your decision not to come to New York in December.

When you are in town, however, I hope that you will find time to visit with us.

Cordially yours,

David M. Delo

David M. Delo,
President

DMD:p

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Nov. 3, 1956

Dear Eric:

Thank you so much for the good letter and for the photo. The illustrations are all set now and the manuscript is being printed. Galley proof will arrive Dec. 10-12 and I am to have it back by the 20th of Dec. I'll send one set on to you. If you chance to note any mistakes, I'll be grateful if you will let me know.

I am sorry you can't find it possible to speak at a convocation but I can surely understand how busy you are. But whenever you are east anyway, I hope we can arrange something (entre nous, I have my own reasons for hoping it — I am chairman of the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees, so you can doubtless guess my interest in having you speak, here sometime.

[redacted]

I am winding up my material on New Jersey (counterfeiting) — have gone through all the court books and files, state papers, newspapers etc. When that is out of the way, I hope to be able to write up the similar New Hampshire material I collected.

In January I shall resubmit — as the secretary asked me to do — my manuscript on Counterfeiting in Colonial Connecticut. The committee thought highly of it but didn't want to publish it so soon after my Pa. book. Of course, all my

[redacted]

Are you interested in Lincoln?

article, based on unpublished letters by the niece of the Ex-Gov. Matteson of Illinois who visited in Springfield in 1859, which will appear in the Jan. number of the N.Y. Hist. Soc. Quarterly and shall send you a copy if it would be of interest to you.

Amelia joins me in sending all best wishes.

With many thanks

Cordially,

Ken

P.S. Thanks for what you wrote about the book. Eventually I think I'll get some but for the rest of this year it might be wiser to stick to public activities — all I can have done well to date.

K.

November 8, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

[redacted]

The Franklin number of the Numismatist will come out next month and I will have two articles in it.

The January number will then have the article on Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War.

Not only am I willing to do the checking of your page proofs in your new book but I am looking forward to it. I certainly will enjoy reading it in this fashion and having the opportunity to give you such comments as might occur to me.

I have been checking a number of numismatic dictionaries and lists and I have the following items which might interest you:

> The Life of Isaac Collins, printer of New Jersey Paper Money, is written up to some extent in the Numismatic Scrapbook for February, 1942.
>
> F. D. Lee wrote a paper on Paper Money and Counterfeiting in the Colony of New Jersey, published in the Proceedings of the American Numismatic and Archeological Society, in 1895.
>
> As to Colonial Connecticut, I am sure you are familiar with the pamphlet "Connecticut Engraved Bills of Credit" by Albert C. Bates.

You will recall that I was interested in determining who restruck the 1/24th real coins of James II which were intended for circulation in American and I have finally found an article published in London, indicating it was done by a London coin dealer,

November 8, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Staten Island, New York

Mathew Young, in 1829. I am glad I have finally run this down. If I could only tell the counterfeits from the original now it would be fine.

[redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]/atb

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Nov. 11, 1956

Dear Eric:

[redacted]

I know F. B. Lee's article – have an abstract I made of it and think I have used the other two items in the past but shall check to make sure. I am looking forward to seeing your articles in the Numismatist.

I am so pleased that you will have a look at the galley proof of my article. Mr. Mosser of the Am. Num. Soc. and Charles Baker (editor of the N.Y. Hist. Soc. Quart.) have both said they would read the proof for me.

If you should do an article relating to Spanish coinage, I wonder if you would be interested in submitting it to Numisma (published in Spain – I know the editor, Mr. Calicó).

I am working through the microfilm of the New-

London Gazette whenever I find time and am discovering items to add to my Connecticut manuscript.

Amelia joins me in sending all best wishes,

Cordially,
Ken

P.S. I enclose a negative of the famous adv. in Hugh Jaime's paper. If you ever wanted to reproduce it you will have the negative.

November 16, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I am certainly pleased you have found yourself to be in good health and, no doubt, you are just overtaxed.

Do you think that the New York Historical Society Quarterly would be interested in publishing my article on Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War? I could revise it somewhat so as to eliminate the numismatically technical portions. Would they consider publishing something of that nature simultaneously with the publication if in the Numismatist? Any suggestions you have along those lines will be appreciated.

I am enclosing copies of material I have just obtained from the Pennsylvania Historical Commission in Harrisburg showing that William Pickett and Samuel Cryndal (Crindell - Clindal) were arrested and convicted of counterfeiting British halfpence. The trial took place in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, on September 23, 1783 and the men were arrested, apparently, on September 6, 1783. If you happen to feel like looking at some Philadelphia newspapers of the period to see whether this matter is reported, I would be very grateful. I have written for the court papers to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania but I do not expect these to show very much. It is the only example of counterfeiting of British halfpence in America concerning which I found an actual conviction. It is very important in the work I am doing because it is post-Revolutionary.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EP /mtb

N.Y.C.
Nov. 25, 1956

Dear Eric:

Just a few lines in haste. I am in Mr. Charles Baker's [editor of N.Y. Hist. Soc. Quarterly] office now. He would be very much interested in having you submit your ms. to him in case it is not submitted elsewhere. As I thought the Quarterly would not publish any article being printed elsewhere.

Also I wanted to let you know that I have re-read the Pa. Gazette for September, 1783, and find no reference to your case. At least it is not in that newspaper — the only one we have of the Pa. papers for that year.

Cordially
Ken

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Nov. 25, 1956

Dear Eric:

As soon as your letter arrived I checked the Pa. Gazette for September, 1783 on our microfilm reader. As far as I could make out, there was nothing about the counterfeiting case in the newspaper. Our microfilm reader, however, is so old fashioned and poor, that I could not read the film clearly, especially as it went through at the daytime. I shall, however, to be perfectly sure, take the film to the N.Y. Hist. Soc. or N.Y.P.L. and re-read it there.

This week I'll talk with Mr. Baker, editor of the N.Y. Hist. Soc. Quarterly about your article and shall let you know the result. I feel quite sure that they would not print it if it has

been published or was to be published in the Numismatist. On the other hand I suspect they would like to have you submit the MS. to them. I'll let you know very soon.

Please forgive the delay. I have been very busy - had to go to New Hampshire and also have not fully recovered my strength so far I am slow about doing things. I do, however, feel much better.

Hope you will be coming this way before long.

All best wishes

Ken

December 10, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

I just found something fantastic which should probably be in your book. It is an excerpt whereby counterfeit currency was permitted to circulate in spite of the fact that it was known to be counterfeit. I am referring it to you herewith.

Evans 4530, found in microcard, by William Douglas, entitled "A Discourse Concerning the Currencies of the British Plantations in America", Boston, 1740:

> "The only Reason that can be assigned for giving the Rhode-Island Bills a Currency, is, that they are received in all Payments by Consent: The same Reason may hold good for passing of any Bills, even the 500,000-l. lately proposed without Fund or Period; and of counterfeit Bills, as in Fact some Bills of Connecticut of small Denominations, tho' known to be Counterfeit, have a currency."

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

December 17, 1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

How do you do it? The tremendous details and work which went into your book on counterfeiting is really appreciated by this reviewer. The galley proofs arrived and I read them from the point of view of logic.. It was really exciting to relive all of these strange adventures, many of which you had made known through your other books but many of which, I realize, are quite new. I have the following preliminary comments:

Page 14: You mention that in 1800 bags of base coin were being sent out. This is from a police report of London and actually took place quite some time before 1800. By 1800 the coinage had long si ce ceased and tradesmen's tokens were the vogue. You could correct this by saying that one writer, in 1800, comments as to the previous period, etc.

2. There is a line left out where you describe copying errors in counterfeiting.

4. Wampum did not cease to be a medium of exchange in 1662 except in Massachusetts as it continued on in New York and other parts of New England.

4. Tobacco, in Virginia, was the medium of exchange for over 100 years after November, 1645, as no metallic currency became a substitute for it.

4. The 1645 copper coin issue of Virginia never came about, although authorized.

4. The Virginia Act of February, 1729, as to copper, applied to English halfpence but since no copper was permitted to be imported, no counterfeiting of copper took place. The reference to the copper, therefore, adds nothing.

4. The Massachusetts Mint coined one shilling, sixpence and threepence in the original issue known as New England coinage.

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4½. The second coinage of Massachusetts was the Oak Tree coinage and not the Pine Tree. The Pine Tree coinage did not have any twopences. The twopences were dated 1662 and all other Pine Tree and Oak Tree was dated 1652.

4½. The period during which the New England pieces, the Oak Tree, and the Pine Tree money was coined, extended over about 34 years but if you will check Mr. Noe's book on the subject you will see that the Pine Tree money was only coined during the latter part of that period.

24. I think it would be very well to mention that one of the reasons Benjamin Franklin got the contracts for the New Jersey and Pennsylvania paper money printing was because of the extensive counterfeiting of the issues prior to the 1730's. He prepared leaf designs himself in order to make it extremely difficult for the counterfeiters. Franklin also got the contract for printing because he advocated further issues of paper money and wrote his famous pamphlet on the subject.

56. The date 1853 should be 1753, as you know.

70. The story about not accepting the money because there was so much bad money in circulation was stated in the beginning of the book and you may not wish to repeat it.

75½. I think that the name "Smithers" is wrong and it should be "Smither". There is some confusion on this in my sources.

78. Rhode Island colonial money and its counterfeiting was revised and enlarged in a book entitled "Early Rehoboth" by the same author. I might suggest that you include it in your bibliography. It has wonderful illustrations, also.

An index to the different issues of counterfeited paper money mentioned in your book would be of major value to numismatists. I know that this is difficult because some issues are not particularly described. You have used this type of index in your individual articles but it is very important to have a composite index covering each state and each issue. Perhaps the state, the denomination and the year of the counterfeitor's arrest would be advantageous. Sometimes you will not be able

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to tell exactly what issue is counterfeited and the year would be very important in tracing early counterfeits. I may be able to help you in ascertaining the issue in question if you need a little help along those lines.

My article, "Continental Currency Goes toWar" will probably be published in the January, 1957 Numismatist and if you want the citation I will give it to you promptly.

My very best to you and your wife for the holidays and please accept this quickie.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Dec. 20, 1956

Dear Eric:

Just a few lines to thank you for your good letter. I think I had seen the passage quoted somewhere and wish I had thought to work it in. The editors did not want me to make any changes now - because of cost. I returned the proof yesterday and page proof is scheduled to arrive on Jan. 20. I received an extremely nice foreword written by the chief of the U.S. Secret Service, and the editors are delighted to have it for the book.

This afternoon I found a little time in which to read the microfilm - which arrived today- of the New Jersey Gazette. It is most rewarding and I found this item, which I hope will be new and useful for you:
N.J. Gazette (Burlington), Wed., Jan. 14, 1778, p.3:

" The publick are desired to beware of counterfeit Thirty Dollar Bills. They are dated May 10, 1775, done on copperplate, and easily discovered. On the back of the genuine bill the word Philadelphia is spelled Philadelpkia, and that of the counterfeit properly. The figure of the lower ship in the true bill, especially its bottom, is much blacker and less discernable than in the counterfeit; and the paper of the latter is much thinner and smoother. And in that of the counterfeit in the upper ship a ray of light appears between it and the representation of the sea, which is not so in the genuine bill."

All best wishes,

Cordially,

Kenn

WAGNER COLLEGE
GRYMES HILL
STATEN ISLAND 1, NEW YORK

Dec. 21, 1956

Dear Eric:

Your letter mailed Dec. 17th reached me only this morning. I phoned Oxford U. Press a few minutes before the proof was leaving. They held it up and I hastened over after classes and think I incorporated all your corrections and suggestions except about Franklin, which would have necessitated too much changing. I am most grateful.

Cordially

Ken

December 31,1956

Dr. Kenneth Scott
Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, New York

Dear Ken:

Evelyn and I sincerely appreciate your holiday greetings and I look forward to having both of you meet Evelyn.

I am so glad I was able to help on your book just in time. I certainly was anxious not to have any obvious misstatements made.

Every time I write away for information they seem to refer me to you so one of these days I am going to begin to write to you direct. There are two things I am interested in right now. Is there a microfilm of the Pennsylvania Evening Herald for the 1785-1790 period which contains as a weekly supplement "The Complete Counting House Companion"? I have never seen a copy of this Complete Counting House Companion but imagine it will contain information I need.

I am also wondering whether there is any microfilm of a Providence Rhode Island newspaper published in 1784 and 1785.

My very best to you.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb